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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Martinez, Daniel A. et al.

Serial No.: 10/664128

Group Art Unit: 3636

Examiner: Edell, Joseph F.

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DETECTION OF A
LATCHING DEVICE

Docket No.: DP-310000

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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This paper is responsive to the Official Action dated August 27, 2004

Please see remarks on page 8 concerning generic claims.

The examiner has restricted the present application as follows:

- I. Species I, Figures 1-5
- II. Species II, Figures 6-11
- III. Species III, Figures 12-17F

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Applicants hereby elect the invention of Species I for prosecution on the merits drawn to an apparatus and method for detection of a latching device.

The listing of claims associated with this species may be found in the list starting on the following page.